

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Withdrawn) A composition comprising
  - at least one compound **A** having at least two reactive groups selected from the group comprising isocyanate, epoxide, alkoxy silane, and mixtures thereof
  - and also
  - at least one polymeric thixotropic agent **B** prepared
  - by homopolymerizing a (meth)acrylate **B1**
  - or
  - by copolymerizing a (meth)acrylate **B1** with at least one further (meth)acrylate, the (meth)acrylate mixture possessing an average (meth)acrylate functionality  $\bar{f}$  of 2.5 to 4.5,
  - the (meth)acrylate **B1** having three or more (meth)acrylate groups.
2. (Withdrawn – Currently Amended) The composition of claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the compound **A** is obtained by a reaction of a polyurethane prepolymer **A3** containing at least two isocyanate groups with at least one compound **AX** which contains an NCO-reactive group, and also one or more epoxide or alkoxy silane groups.
3. (Withdrawn – Currently Amended) The composition of claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the compound **A** is obtained by a reaction of a polymer **A3-1** containing at least two isocyanate-reactive groups with at least one compound **AY** which contains an NCO group and also one or more alkoxy silane group.
4. (Withdrawn – Currently Amended) The composition of claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the compound **A** is a compound **A1** which is a diglycidyl ether of bisphenol A, bisphenol F, bisphenol A/F, a mixture or an oligomer thereof.

5. (Withdrawn – Currently Amended) The composition of claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the compound **A** is a compound **A2-1** which is polyurethane prepolymer containing at least two alkoxysilane groups.

6. (Withdrawn – Currently Amended) The composition of claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the compound **A** is a compound **A2-2** which is polyether containing at least two alkoxysilane groups.

7. (Withdrawn – Currently Amended) The composition of claim 6, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the compound **A2-2** is obtained by a hydrosilylation reaction from polyether containing at least two C=C double bonds, and from a compound  $\text{HSi}(\text{R}^1)_a(\text{OR}^2)_{3-a}$ , where  $\text{R}^1$  and  $\text{R}^2$  independently of one another represents a  $\text{C}_1$ - $\text{C}_8$ -alkyl radical, and  $a$  represents the value 0 or 1.

8. (Withdrawn – Currently Amended) The composition of claim 5, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the alkoxysilane groups are trimethoxysilane or triethoxysilane groups.

9. (Withdrawn – Currently Amended) The composition of claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the compound **A** is a compound **A3** which is a polyurethane prepolymer containing at least two isocyanate groups.

10. (Withdrawn – Currently Amended) The composition of claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the polyurethane prepolymer **A3** containing isocyanate groups or the polyurethane prepolymer **A3-1** containing isocyanate-reactive groups is prepared from the reaction of at least one polyol with at least one polyisocyanate.

11. (Withdrawn – Currently Amended) The composition of claim 10, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the polyol is a polyoxyalkylene polyol.

12. (Withdrawn – Currently Amended) The composition of claim 11, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the polyol is a polyoxyalkylene polyol having a degree of unsaturation  $<0.02$  meq/g and a molecular weight  $M_n$  of 1000 to 30 000 g/mol.

13. (Withdrawn – Currently Amended) The composition of claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the (meth)acrylate **B1** contains three, four or five (meth)acrylate groups and is selected from the group comprising glycerol tri(meth)acrylate, tris(2-hydroxyethyl)isocyanurate tri(meth)acrylate, trimethylolpropane tri(meth)acrylate, ditrimethylolpropane tetra(meth)acrylate, pentaerythritol tetra(meth)acrylate, glucose penta(meth)acrylate, sorbitol hexa(meth)acrylate, dipentaerythritol hexa(meth)acrylate, and their ethoxylated or propoxylated analogs.

14. (Withdrawn – Currently Amended) The composition of claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the polymeric thixotropic agent **B** is a copolymer which is prepared from a (meth)acrylate mixture having an average (meth)acrylate functionality  $\bar{f}$  of 2.5 to 3.5.

15. (Withdrawn – Currently Amended) The composition of claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the composition comprises at least traces of the organic free-radical donor used for the free radical polymerization of the (meth)acrylates or derivative reaction products thereof.

16. (Withdrawn – Currently Amended) The composition of claim 15, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the organic peroxide has a decomposition temperature  $T_{1/2}$  (1h) of between 100°C and 50°C.

17. (Withdrawn – Currently Amended) The composition of claim 15, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the organic peroxide is a peroxide of a fatty acid.

18. (Withdrawn – Currently Amended) The composition of claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the amount of polymeric thixotropic agent **B** is between 0.1% and 10% by weight based on the weight of the composition.

19. (Withdrawn – Currently Amended) The composition of claim 1, characterized ~~in that~~wherein the composition further comprises at least one plasticizer.

20. (Withdrawn – Currently Amended) The composition of claim 19, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the plasticizer is a phthalate or an adipate.

21. (Withdrawn – Currently Amended) The composition of claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the composition further comprises at least one filler.

22. (Withdrawn – Currently Amended) The composition of claim 21, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the amount of filler is between 25% and 50% by weight based on the weight of the composition.

23. (Withdrawn – Currently Amended) A process for preparing a composition of claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the polymeric thixotropic agent **B** is added to the compound **A**.

24. (Currently Amended) A process for preparing a composition, the process consisting of polymerizing a polymeric thixotropic agent **B** in a compound **A** from (meth)acrylates;

wherein the composition comprises:

at least one compound **A** having at least two reactive groups selected from the group consisting of isocyanate, epoxide, alkoxysilane, and mixtures thereof; and

at least one polymeric thixotropic agent **B** prepared by homopolymerizing a (meth)acrylate **B1** or by copolymerizing a (meth)acrylate **B1** with at least one further (meth)acrylate to form a (meth)acrylate mixture, wherein the (meth)acrylate mixture has an average (meth)acrylate functionality  $f$  of 2.5 to 4.5 ~~and~~,

the (meth)acrylate **B1** has three or more (meth)acrylate ~~groups~~groups,  
and

the (meth)acrylate **B1** does not contain groups that react with an NCO, an epoxide group, or an alkoxysilane group.

25. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 24, wherein polymerization of thixotropic agent **B** takes place at a temperature of between 80 and 100°C.

26. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 25, wherein polymerization of thixotropic agent **B** takes place as a result of an organic peroxide having a decomposition temperature  $T_{1/2}$  (1h) of between 100°C and 50°C.

27. (Withdrawn) A process for enhancing thixotropic properties of a composition, comprising providing said composition with a compound **B** prepared by homopolymerizing a (meth)acrylate **B1**,  
or  
by copolymerizing a (meth)acrylate **B1** with at least one further (meth)acrylate, the (meth)acrylate mixture having an average (meth)acrylate functionality  $\bar{f}$  of 2.5 to 4.5, in particular of 2.5 to 3.5,  
the (meth)acrylate **B1** having three or more (meth)acrylate groups.

28. (Withdrawn – Currently Amended) The process of claim 27, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the (meth)acrylate **B1** contains three, four or five (meth)acrylate groups and is selected in particular from the group comprising glycerol tri(meth)acrylate, tris(2-hydroxyethyl)isocyanurate tri(meth)acrylate, trimethylolpropane tri(meth)acrylate, ditrimethylolpropane tetra(meth)acrylate, pentaerythritol tetra(meth)acrylate, glucose penta(meth)acrylate, sorbitol hexa(meth)acrylate, dipentaerythritol hexa(meth)acrylate, and their ethoxylated or propoxylated analogs.

29. (Withdrawn) A process of adhering, sealing, coating or covering at least one object, comprising applying to said object a composition of claim 1 as an adhesive, sealant, coating or covering.

30. (Withdrawn – Currently Amended) An article ~~characterized in that it~~wherein  
the article is in contact with a composition of claim 1.

31. (Withdrawn – Currently Amended) An article ~~characterized in that it~~wherein  
the article is in frictional contact with a moisture-hardened composition of claim 1.